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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.	Application Number	09/308,223
	Filing Date	August 12, 1999
	First Named Inventor	KALLMEYER
	Group Art Unit	1642
	Examiner Name	Nickol, Gary B.
	Attorney Docket Number	2924-139
<b>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.</b> <b>NOTE:</b> 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See <i>Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice</i> , Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.		

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - a. ☒ Previously submitted
    - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 2, 2002
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)
  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed.
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED			
NAME AND REG. NUMBER	Willem F. DeWeerd, Reg. No. 51,613		
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